

I support media diversity

I wish to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I strongly believe in the American pluralistic public sphere, where multiple perspectives can be freely expressed to add to national and regional debate. For this basic American environment of a free people informed by the richness of multiple perspectives rather than homogeneous perspectives, the FCC should, in my view, maintain and strengthen the competitive nature of ownership rules currently in force. Dominance by a limited number of owners deprives Americans from that open and free market of ideas necessary for a democracy.

I am persuaded that the public interest will best be served by maintaining media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. It is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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